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This report contains the latest revisions of the U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad and quarters allowances. The entire list of indexes and quarters allowances is published as of April each year, with quarterly revisions following in July, October, and January. A summary description of the compilation and use of the indexes and allowances was published with the April 1981 complete list (Report 646). A technical description was published in April 1980 (Report 568).

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Table 1. U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), October-December 1981 revisions
(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate [1]		Local [2]		U.S. Government [3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US$1	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
Argentina: Buenos Aires	Aug. 81	Peso	7350	105	107	101	103
Australia: Canberra	Sep. 81	Dollar	0.8547	127	126	116	116
Brazil: Brasilia	May 81	Cruzeiro	81.0	99	97	96	94
Burma: Rangoon	Aug. 81	Kyat	7.26	97	111	89	99
Canada: Vancouver	July 81	Dollar	1.20	111	111	89	91
Chile: Santiago	July 81	Peso	39.0	153	152	102	102
Cyprus: Nicosia	Aug. 81	Pound	0.4545	103	102	118	118
Gabon: Libreville	Oct. 81	CFA Franc	280	146	161	92	99
Guatemala: Guatemala City	July 81	Quetzal	1.00	104	111	117	151
Honduras: Tegucigalpa	July 81	Lempira	2.00	102	108	95	102
Jamaica: Kingston	June 81	Dollar	1.78	110	117	89	95
Japan: Fukuoka	Feb. 81	Yen	230	154	159	98	105
Okinawa	Feb. 81	Yen	230	118	130	125	151
Mali: Bamako	Sep. 81	Franc	550	123	131	91	103
Mexico: Mexico, D.F.	Sep. 81	Peso	24.7	107	107	98	114
Nicaragua: Managua	Aug. 81	Cordoba	10.0	122	131	101	101
Niger: Niamey	June 81	CFA Franc	290	137	145	98	108
Portugal: Lisbon	Sep. 81	Escudo	63.0	111	110	116	129
Sierra Leone: Freetown	Aug. 81	Leone	1.19	132	141	93	92
Singapore: Singapore	July 81	Dollar	2.16	112	118	113	119
Sudan: Khartoum	Sep. 81	Pound	0.7929	155	146	104	111
Togo: Lome	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	275	122	134	100	111
Upper Volta: Ouagadougou	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	270	151	157	105	116
Venezuela: Caracas	Sep. 81	Bolivar	4.28	158	162	151	137
Zaire: Kinshasa	Sep. 81	Zaire	5.50	165	172	108	122
						124	135

[1] The exchange rates shown are those used to calculate the indexes. They are usually the rates prevailing 2 or 3 months after the survey dates. Current exchange rates may differ from the rates shown. Interim indexes adjusted for new exchange rates are not published. See "Adjustment for new exchange rates" in the Technical Description (Report 568) for an explanation of how the local indexes may be adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

[2] The local relative and local index measure living costs for private American citizens. The relative is a basic price comparison of goods and services in the foreign city and in Washington, D.C. The index is the local relative adjusted to reflect the modifications in the consumption expenditures made by Americans living in the foreign city. The local index is the measure appropriate for establishing cost-of-living allowances for nongovernment American employees overseas.

[3] The government relative and index measuring living costs for U.S. Government employees include any special benefits that might be available to government employees. The relative is a basic price comparison and the index reflects adjustments in consumption expenditures made by Americans in the foreign city.

Source: U.S. Department of State, Allowances Staff

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Table 2. U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] October-December 1981 revisions

Country and city	Survey date 2/	Effective date 2/	Exchange rate 3/		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US$1	Family status 4/	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $50,000
Australia: Sydney	Nov. 81	Nov. 81	Dollar	0.858	Family	10,400	13,100	16,100
					Single	9,900	10,400	13,100
Belgium: Brussels	July 80	Dec. 81	Franc	38.8	Family	7,800	11,000	12,200
					Single	7,100	8,500	10,200
Chile: Santiago	Nov. 81	Nov. 81	Peso	39.0	Family	14,800	18,300	18,600
					Single	10,800	14,800	17,300
Colombia: Bogota	Aug. 81	Nov. 81	Peso	56.3	Family	11,100	12,800	14,600
					Single	9,300	10,800	12,700
Cyprus: Nicosia	June 80	Oct. 81	Pound	0.454	Family	5,900	7,000	7,000
					Single	5,100	6,300	6,300
Finland: Helsinki	June 80	Dec. 81	Markka	4.33	Family	7,600	8,800	10,100
					Single	6,700	6,700	7,600
France: Paris	Nov. 81	Dec. 81	Franc	5.65	Family	11,000	12,800	14,500
					Single	8,100	11,000	12,800
Germany: Frankfurt	Apr. 80	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	6,000	7,100	8,400
					Single	4,900	5,800	7,100
Heidelberg	Apr. 80	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	5,600	7,100	8,200
					Single	4,800	5,300	7,100
Mannheim	Apr. 80	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	4,800	5,800	5,800
					Single	4,800	4,800	5,200
Nurnberg	Apr. 80	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	5,300	6,200	7,100
					Single	4,200	4,700	6,000
Stuttgart	Apr. 80	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	6,100	7,100	7,900
					Single	5,300	5,300	6,500
Wiesbaden	May 81	Oct. 81	Mark	2.24	Family	6,900	8,200	8,600
					Single	5,300	6,900	8,300
Greece: Athens	Oct. 81	Nov. 81	Drachma	55.5	Family	10,100	10,900	10,900
					Single	6,700	7,900	10,100
Italy: Catania	Apr. 81	Nov. 81	Lira	1186	Family	4,600	5,800	5,800
					Single	4,100	4,500	5,700
Leghorn	Apr. 80	Nov. 81	Lira	1186	Family	3,800	5,400	5,400
					Single	3,300	3,400	5,100
Milan	Mar. 81	Nov. 81	Lira	1186	Family	7,900	11,200	11,200
					Single	7,700	7,800	9,400
Naples	Aug. 80	Nov. 81	Lira	1186	Family	6,300	7,700	8,200
					Single	6,000	7,700	7,700
Rome	Mar. 81	Nov. 81	Lira	1186	Family	8,000	8,300	10,000
					Single	5,900	7,700	8,300
Jamaica: Kingston	Oct. 81	Nov. 81	Dollar	1.78	Family	8,600	11,700	11,700
					Single	8,500	8,600	11,700
Japan: Misawa	Mar. 81	Dec. 81	Yen	215	Family	4,900	5,000	5,200
					Single	4,900	4,900	5,000
Okinawa	Apr. 81	Dec. 81	Yen	215	Family	6,400	6,900	6,900
					Single	4,800	6,900	6,900
Tokyo-To 5/	Mar. 81	Dec. 81	Yen	215	Family	6,000	6,900	6,900
					Single	5,200	6,000	6,300
Yokohama	Mar. 81	Dec. 81	Yen	215	Family	7,000	10,100	10,700
					Single	6,300	7,000	10,100
Luxembourg	Mar. 81	Dec. 81	Franc	38.8	Family	11,400	14,100	14,100
					Single	9,300	11,400	13,700
Mexico: Mexico, D.F.	Sep. 81	Oct. 81	Peso	23.6	Family	15,000	17,000	17,400
					Single	9,700	11,500	12,200
Monterrey	Sep. 81	Oct. 81	Peso	23.6	Family	7,800	11,000	12,000
					Single	7,100	8,700	9,000
Netherlands: The Hague	Oct. 80	Dec. 81	Guilder	2.48	Family	10,000	12,200	13,900
					Single	8,500	10,000	11,300
Soesterberg	Sep. 80	Dec. 81	Guilder	2.48	Family	6,500	6,500	6,500
					Single	5,200	6,100	6,500

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Continued—U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] October-December 1981 revisions

Country and city	Survey date [2]	Effective date [2]	Exchange rate [3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US$1	Family status [4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $50,000
Norway: Oslo	Dec. 80	Oct. 81	Krone	5.86	Family	9,100	11,300	11,500
					Single	6,900	7,600	9,400
Singapore: Singapore	Oct. 81	Dec. 81	Dollar	2.06	Family	14,800	18,500	18,500
					Single	12,000	14,800	18,500
Spain: Madrid	Nov. 81	Nov. 81	Peseta	95.3	Family	8,100	10,800	11,100
					Single	7,000	8,100	10,800
Rota	Oct. 79	Nov. 81	Peseta	95.3	Family	3,900	4,400	5,900
					Single	3,500	3,900	4,400
Switzerland: Bern	May 80	Nov. 81	Franc	1.75	Family	12,300	15,500	15,500
					Single	10,300	13,800	14,800
Geneva	May 80	Nov. 81	Franc	1.75	Family	12,300	17,000	17,800
					Single	10,700	13,200	15,400
United Kingdom: London	Aug. 80	Dec. 81	Pound	0.512	Family	10,500	12,600	16,500
					Single	8,500	9,500	12,700
Oxfordshire	Aug. 80	Dec. 81	Pound	0.512	Family	5,100	6,000	6,000
					Single	4,900	4,900	6,000

[1] The allowance figures shown in the table are the maximum allowances payable. The quarters allowance paid to each eligible govenment employee is either the amount of actual housing costs or the allowance maximum, whichever is less.

[2] The survey date is the month when the employee housing expenditure reports were submitted to the Allowances Staff. The effective date is the month when either (a) new allowances were introduced on the basis of employee housing expenditure reports or (b) the allowances were last revised solely for changes in currency exchange rates.

[3] The exchange rate is the rate used to compute the quarters allowances as of the effective date.

[4] Quarters allowances are computed for single persons and 2-person families. Employees with larger families living with them at post receive supplements of 10, 20, or 30 percent of the 2-person allowances (for families of 3 to 4 persons, 5 to 6 persons, or 7 or more persons, respectively).

[5] The quarters allowances for Tokyo-To refer to housing in the Tokyo suburbs.

NOTE: Estimated housing costs for several countries are presented in Near East/North African Business Costs, a single issue (OBR 80-41) contained in the Overseas Business Reports series. The publication is available for $1.25 from the Publications Sales Branch, Room 1617, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

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This report contains the U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad, quarters allowances, and hardship differentials. The statistics are computed by the Allowances Staff of the Department of State for use in establishing allowances to compensate American civilian government employees for costs and hardships related to assignments abroad. This information is also used by many business firms and other private organizations to assist in establishing private compensation systems. The data are published quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Detailed explanations of the methods of compiling the indexes, quarters allowances, and hardship differentials and their use in the government overseas allowance program were published in *U.S. Department of State Indexes of Living Costs Abroad and Quarters Allowances: A Technical Description* (Report 568), available on request from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is important that allowance data users be thoroughly familiar with the methods used in compiling these statistics and their limitations. The data are compiled to establish allowances for government employees, and the government allowance program involves some provisions applicable only to government employees. Furthermore, the index, quarters allowance, and hardship differential statistics do not provide all the information generally necessary to establish private compensation programs.

The indexes of living costs abroad (table 1) are used to compute post allowances for employees at posts where the cost of living, based on an American pattern of living, is significantly higher than in Washington, D.C. To compute the post allowance, the appropriate index of living costs abroad is applied to spendable income—the estimated portion of employee salary used to purchase consumer goods and services. The post allowance does not cover housing and children's education, which are covered by separate allowances.

The indexes of living costs abroad compare the cost in dollars of representative goods and services (excluding housing and education) purchased at foreign posts and the cost of comparable goods and services in Washington, D.C. The indexes are calculated on the basis of price data reported by foreign posts using a standard retail price schedule and data similarly reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Washington, D.C.

Separate indexes are computed for privately employed Americans, in addition to the indexes used to establish post allowances for government employees. The latter indexes—the U.S. Government relative and U.S. Government index—take into consideration prices of goods imported to posts and price advantages available only to U.S. Government employees. The indexes computed for private American employees—the local relative and local index—exclude these special factors. The indexes are published for all government posts for which indexes are computed on a regular basis.

The indexes are place-to-place comparisons at specific times. They cannot be used for measuring cost changes over time at a foreign post. Also, the indexes should not be used to compare living costs of Americans in the United States with the living costs of foreign nationals living in their own country, since the indexes reflect only the expenditure pattern and living costs of Americans.

The quarters allowance data (table 2) are the maximum allowances payable to cover housing costs, and represent the average cost of housing at foreign posts. The U.S. Government provides its American civilian employees abroad with either free government housing or an allowance to cover the cost of privately rented housing. The allowance payable is either the amount of actual housing costs or the maximum, whichever is less. The allowances are computed and paid in U.S. dollars.

The quarters allowances reimburse employees for rent; electricity, gas, fuel, and water; taxes and insurance premiums required by local law or custom to be paid by the tenant; and agents' fees incurred by the landlord and required by law or custom to be paid by the tenant as a condition of obtaining a lease. The allowance may also cover the costs of furniture rental and garage rent.

The allowances are established on the basis of expenditure reports submitted annually by all employees in private housing abroad. Maximums are established

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according to family status and salary range. The quarters data are published for all foreign posts where 10 or more employees rent private housing.

The hardship differential statistics (table 3) are used to compute post differentials for employees at posts where living conditions are extraordinarily difficult, physical hardships are excessive, or conditions are notably unhealthy. The hardship differential rate for each post is compiled on the basis of a standard evaluation of environmental conditions. The evaluation procedure consists of the collection of information concerning post conditions, primarily from a Post Differential Questionnaire, and the rating of the post for 124 specific environmental factors, weighted for relative importance. Depending on the total hardship rating, employees are paid differentials of 10, 15, 20, or 25 percent of base pay.

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Table 1. U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), July 1982

(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
Algeria: Algiers	May 81	Dinar	4.30	124	125	108	111
Antigua and Barbuda: St. Johns	Jan. 82	Dollar	2.68	114	116	92	95
Argentina: Buenos Aires	Aug. 81	Peso	7350	105	107	101	103
Australia: Canberra	Sep. 81	Dollar	0.8547	127	126	116	116
Austria: Vienna	Jan. 82	Shilling	16.4	142	137	126	122
Bahamas: Freeport	Dec. 81	Dollar	1.00	123	124	117	117
Nassau	Jan. 82	Dollar	1.00	125	132	120	126
Bahrain: Manama	Nov. 80	Dinar	0.3774	125	138	116	129
Bangladesh: Dacca	Dec. 81	Taka	19.0	98	105	90	96
Barbados: Bridgetown	Nov. 81	Dollar	2.01	126	129	114	116
Belgium: Brussels	Apr. 81	Franc	37.0	129	126	115	113
Belize: Belize City	June 81	Dollar	1.98	93	99	86	92
Benin: Cotonou	Jan. 82	CFA Franc	300	111	122	100	111
Bermuda	Apr. 81	Dollar	1.00	126	126	98	98
Bolivia: La Paz	Nov. 81	Peso	33.0	99	103	88	92
Botswana: Gaborone	Feb. 81	Pula	0.8065	108	110	99	100
Brazil: Brasilia	Nov. 81	Cruzeiro	1170	95	94	90	89
Recife	Nov. 80	Cruzeiro	61.1	104	102	91	90
Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 80	Cruzeiro	64.2	106	103	99	96
Sao Paulo	Oct. 80	Cruzeiro	58.3	100	96	94	90
British West Indies: Antigua	Jan. 81	Dollar	2.69	110	112	91	93
Grand Cayman	Sep. 80	Dollar	0.8000	124	128	120	123
Bulgaria: Sofia	Apr. 81	Leva	0.9346	107	118	91	104
Burma: Rangoon	Aug. 81	Kyat	7.26	97	111	80	91
Burundi: Bujumbura	Jan. 82	Franc	89.5	140	144	122	125
Cameroon: Yaounde	Nov. 81	CFA Franc	278	123	129	110	116
Canada: Calgary	Jan. 82	Dollar	1.20	107	106	105	104
Ottawa	Nov. 81	Dollar	1.18	106	105	102	101
Vancouver	July 81	Dollar	1.20	111	111	102	102
Whitehorse	Oct. 81	Dollar	1.19	114	116	114	116
Central African Republic: Bangui	Dec. 81	CFA Franc	301	133	137	116	121
Chile: Santiago	July 81	Peso	39.0	133	152	118	138
China: Beijing	July 80	Yuan	1.46	91	96	88	93
Colombia: Bogota	Sep. 81	Peso	53.5	99	102	94	98
Congo: Brazzaville	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	280	140	149	114	122
Costa Rica: San Jose	Mar. 81	Colon	15.0	80	83	80	83
Cyprus: Nicosia	Aug. 81	Pound	0.4545	103	102	92	90
Czechoslovakia: Prague	Oct. 80	(4)	(4)	107	105	83	82
Denmark: Copenhagen	Mar. 81	Krone	7.40	132	128	111	109
Djibouti: Djibouti	June 81	Franc	177	152	161	126	136
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo	Jan. 82	Peso	1.33	101	106	93	98
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Mar. 81	Sucre	30.0	93	106	89	102
Quito	Jan. 81	Sucre	29.0	90	100	78	87
Egypt: Cairo	Mar. 80	Pound	0.7000	98	106	74	85
Ethiopia: Addis Ababa	Nov. 81	Birr	2.07	117	122	91	97
Fiji: Suva	Feb. 82	Dollar	0.8929	105	110	94	99
Finland: Helsinki	Jan. 81	Markka	4.00	149	149	122	121

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Table 1. Continued—U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), July 1982

(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
France: Bordeaux	Dec. 80	Franc	4.49	152	151	124	124
Lyon	Mar. 81	Franc	4.80	152	153	124	126
Marseille	Mar. 81	Franc	4.80	142	142	125	125
Paris	Mar. 81	Franc	4.80	157	153	132	131
Strasbourg	Mar. 81	Franc	4.80	135	135	113	113
French West Indies: Martinique	Feb. 81	Franc	4.97	128	139	114	125
Gabon: Libreville	Oct. 81	CFA Franc	280	146	161	117	131
Gambia: Banjul	Dec. 81	Dalasi	2.15	113	124	104	114
Germany: Dusseldorf	Feb. 82	Mark	2.30	126	123	109	108
Frankfurt	Feb. 81	Mark	2.00	141	138	102	101
Hamburg	Mar. 82	Mark	2.30	128	125	110	108
Greece: Athens	Oct. 81	Drachma	55.2	108	107	83	83
Guatemala: Guatemala City	July 81	Quetzal	1.00	104	111	95	102
Guyana: Georgetown	Jan. 80	Dollar	2.54	107	109	96	98
Haiti: Port-au-Prince	Oct. 81	Gourde	5.00	110	118	95	103
Honduras: Tegucigalpa	July 81	Lempira	2.00	102	108	89	95
Hong Kong: Hong Kong	Apr. 81	Dollar	5.40	104	115	97	108
Hungary: Budapest	Nov. 81	Forint	34.4	76	74	83	80
Iceland: Reykjavik	May 80	Krona	450	168	166	111	110
India: New Delhi	Mar. 81	Rupee	8.25	88	93	81	88
Indonesia: Jakarta	Mar. 81	Rupiah	627	114	123	93	103
Iraq: Baghdad	Oct. 81	Dinar	0.2924	107	128	100	121
Ireland: Dublin	May 81	Pound	0.6250	117	117	105	105
Israel: Tel Aviv	May 81	Shekel	9.60	124	125	109	109
Italy: Genoa	Jan. 80	Lira	838	122	120	106	105
Milan	Mar. 82	Lira	1300	114	110	103	100
Palermo	Feb. 82	Lira	1300	116	117	105	106
Rome	Feb. 82	Lira	1300	110	108	100	99
Ivory Coast: Abidjan	Apr. 81	CFA Franc	280	130	141	109	120
Jamaica: Kingston	June 81	Dollar	1.78	110	117	98	105
Japan: Fukuoka	Feb. 82	Yen	230	138	143	118	125
Kobe-Osaka	Jan. 81	Yen	205	153	162	128	139
Okinawa	Feb. 81	Yen	230	118	130	91	103
Sapporo	Feb. 82	Yen	230	139	141	120	123
Tokyo	Feb. 82	Yen	230	138	142	101	108
Yokosuka	Feb. 81	Yen	205	150	156	100	108
Jordan: Amman	May 81	Dinar	0.3333	111	117	93	100
Kenya: Nairobi	July 81	Shilling	8.90	116	118	98	99
Mombasa	Dec. 81	Shilling	10.2	103	108	90	96
Korea: Seoul	June 81	Won	684	123	125	74	78
Kuwait: Kuwait	Oct. 81	Dinar	0.2809	112	136	104	128
Lebanon: Beirut	May 81	Pound	4.20	92	98	90	96
Lesotho: Maseru	Oct. 81	Rand	0.9346	100	100	91	90
Liberia: Monrovia	Mar. 81	Dollar	1.00	134	144	118	127
Luxembourg: Luxembourg	Mar. 81	Franc	35.0	129	128	114	114
Madagascar: Antananarivo	Apr. 81	Franc	280	128	135	102	109
Malawi: Lilongwe	Nov. 81	Kwacha	0.8954	118	118	99	99
Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur	Apr. 81	Dollar	2.30	119	126	106	113
Mali: Bamako	Sep. 81	Franc	550	123	131	108	114
Malta: Valletta	Oct. 81	Pound	0.3881	105	107	97	100
Mauritania: Nouakchott	Oct. 81	Ouguiya	48.0	145	163	118	137
Mauritius: Port Louis	Mar. 81	Rupee	8.10	107	111	92	96
Mexico: Mexico D.F.	Jan. 82	Peso	26.4	[6]109	[6]110	[6]104	[6]104
Morocco: Casablanca	Feb. 82	Dirham	5.80	118	118	100	100
Rabat	Mar. 81	Dirham	4.70	117	116	99	99
Nepal: Kathmandu	Feb. 81	Rupee	11.90	88	93	81	86
Netherlands: The Hague	Feb. 82	Guilder	2.60	127	125	110	110
Netherlands Antilles: Curacao	May 81	Florin	1.79	117	119	110	112
New Zealand: Wellington	Nov. 81	Dollar	1.20	110	111	99	100
Nicaragua: Managua	Aug. 81	Cordoba	10.0	122	131	98	108
Niger: Niamey	June 81	CFA Franc	290	137	145	116	124
Nigeria: Kaduna	Mar. 81	Naira	0.5774	137	154	114	129
Lagos	Mar. 81	Naira	0.5774	153	169	121	136
Norway: Oslo	May 81	Krone	5.90	165	160	130	127
Oman: Muscat	Apr. 81	Rial	0.3425	126	142	115	129
Pakistan: Islamabad	Dec. 80	Rupee	9.90	96	103	83	91
Karachi	Dec. 81	Rupee	9.90	98	106	90	96
Panama: Panama City	July 81	Balboa	1.00	99	104	96	92

See footnotes at end of table

Table 1. Continued—U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), July 1982

(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby	Oct. 81	Kina	0.6667	129	141	116	128
Paraguay: Asuncion	Dec. 81	Guarani	157	110	115	100	104
Peru: Lima	Dec. 81	Sol	495	98	100	92	93
Philippines: Manila	Dec. 80	Peso	7.66	98	104	84	91
Poland: Warsaw	Aug. 80	Zloty	30.0	87	93	84	90
Portugal: Lisbon	Sep. 81	Escudo	63.0	111	110	93	92
Qatar: Doha	Apr. 81	Riyal	3.63	120	134	111	125
Rwanda: Kigali	Jan. 82	Franc	91.5	114	123	98	108
Saudi Arabia: Al Khobar (Dhahran)	July 81	Riyal	3.38	121	142	92	112
Jidda	Oct. 81	Riyal	3.39	116	135	92	110
Riyadh	Apr. 81	Riyal	3.35	123	142	89	109
Senegal: Dakar	Jan. 81	CFA Franc	240	136	142	118	120
Seychelles: Victoria	Feb. 82	Rupee	6.33	133	142	116	124
Sierra Leone: Freetown	Aug. 81	Leone	1.19	132	141	113	119
Singapore: Singapore	July 81	Dollar	2.16	112	118	104	111
Somalia: Mogadishu	Jan. 82	Shilling	12.5	117	126	98	108
South Africa: Johannesburg	Nov. 81	Rand	0.9524	103	103	95	95
Spain: Barcelona	May 81	Peseta	95.0	112	107	99	97
Madrid	Feb. 82	Peseta	99.0	119	114	96	94
Sri Lanka: Colombo	Apr. 80	Rupee	16.0	85	91	80	85
Sudan: Khartoum	Sep. 81	Pound	0.7920	133	146	100	111
Suriname: Paramaribo	Sep. 80	Florin	1.77	111	123	97	109
Swaziland: Mbabane	Jan. 81	Rand	0.7510	109	109	98	98
Sweden: Stockholm	May 81	Krona	4.80	150	148	127	126
Switzerland: Geneva	May 81	Franc	2.01	140	137	128	126
Syria: Damascus	Nov. 81	Pound	3.90	119	120	102	103
Taiwan: Taipei	Mar. 81	Dollar	36.0	111	118	[7]96	[7]104
Tanzania: Dar es Salaam	Oct. 81	Shilling	8.35	141	151	122	131
Thailand: Bangkok	Feb. 82	Baht	22.9	91	96	87	93
Togo: Lome	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	275	122	134	105	116
Trinidad and Tobago: Port-of-Spain	Oct. 81	Dollar	2.40	119	126	108	116
Tunisia: Tunis	June 80	Dinar	0.3982	114	125	93	104
Turkey: Istanbul	Feb. 82	Lira	143	91	92	85	87
United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi	May 81	Dirham	3.64	119	133	110	124
United Kingdom: Belfast	Mar. 81	Pound	0.4545	132	132	116	116
London	Apr. 81	Pound	0.5000	134	130	111	111
Upper Volta: Ouagadougou	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	270	151	157	131	137
Uruguay: Montevideo	Feb. 82	Peso	11.6	132	140	101	109
U.S.S.R.: Moscow	Dec. 81	Ruble	0.7000	128	142	101	117
Venezuela: Caracas	Sep. 81	Bolivar	4.28	130	142	108	122
Yemen: Sana	Mar. 82	Rial	4.56	120	130	105	114
Yugoslavia: Belgrade	June 81	Dinar	33.4	95	93	86	84
Zaire: Kinshasa	Feb. 82	Zaire	5.50	194	201	136	143
Lubumbashi	Feb. 82	Zaire	5.53	188	192	137	140
Zambia: Lusaka	Apr. 81	Kwacha	0.8600	134	137	105	109
Zimbabwe: Harare	Feb. 82	Dollar	0.7246	118	120	97	100

[1] The exchange rates shown are those used to calculate the indexes. They are usually the rates prevailing 2 or 3 months after the survey dates. Current change rates may differ from the rates shown. Interim indexes adjusted for new exchange rates are not published. See "Adjustment for new exchange rates" in the Technical Description (Report 568) for an explanation of how the local indexes may be adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

[2] The local relative and local index measure living costs for private American citizens. The relative is a basic price comparison of goods and services in the foreign city and in Washington, D.C. The index is the local relative adjusted to reflect modifications in the consumption expenditures made by Americans living in the foreign city. The local index is the measure appropriate for establishing cost-of-living allowances for nongovernment American employees overseas.

[3] The government relative and index measuring living costs for U.S. Government employees include any special benefits that might be available to government employees. The relative is a basic price comparison and the index reflects adjustments in consumption expenditures made by Americans in the foreign city.

[4] Two exchange rates were used in the calculation of the indexes—the rate of 9.31 koruna for purchases in local retail outlets and the rate of 5.25 Tuzex crowns for purchases in Tuzex (hard currency) stores.

[5] The government index is higher than the local index. See "U.S. Government index" on pp. 3-4 in the Technical Description (Report 568).

[6] The indexes shown were computed using the exchange rate as of the January 1982 survey date. In February 1982, the Mexican peso was floated relative to the U.S. dollar.

[7] There are no U.S. Government employees in Taipei. The figures listed in this column represent a living cost comparison for American employees of the American Institute in Taiwan, who have some duty-free and other special benefits that may not be available to other Americans in Taipei.

NOTE: The table of average annual spendable income by salary range and family size has been revised by adding upper income categories between $50,000 through $70,000 and over and by consolidating income categories under $10,000. (The data for income categories between $10,000 and $50,000 are unchanged.) Copies of the new table may be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Division of Foreign Labor Statistics and Trade (telephone 202-523-9301).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Allowances Staff.

Table 2. U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] July 1982

Country and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[2]	Exchange rate[3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US $	Family status[4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Argentina: Buenos Aires	Jan. 82	Feb. 82	Peso	10550	Family	$20,800	$27,500	$27,500
					Single	16,000	17,200	22,400
Australia: Sydney	Nov. 81	Apr. 82	Dollar	0.952	Family	9,600	12,000	14,700
					Single	9,100	9,600	12,000
Bahamas: Nassau	Jan. 82	Feb. 82	Dollar	1.00	Family	14,400	14,400	16,800
					Single	12,400	13,000	13,000
Bahrain: Manama	June 82	June 82	Dinar	0.375	Family	12,400	14,700	14,700
					Single	11,500	12,400	14,700
Barbados:	June 82	June 82	Dollar	2.01	Family	7,900	9,400	10,800
					Single	7,200	7,900	8,600
Belgium: Brussels	July 80	June 82	Franc	45.9	Family	6,800	9,500	10,600
					Single	6,200	7,400	8,900
Bermuda	Dec. 81	Feb. 82	Dollar	1.00	Family	10,100	11,000	13,000
					Single	7,700	9,500	11,000
Brazil: Rio de Janeiro	Apr. 82	May 82	Cruzeiro	152	Family	11,400	14,200	19,800
					Single	9,300	11,400	14,200
Canada: Montreal	Dec. 81	Mar. 82	Dollar	1.18	Family	5,600	6,700	9,400
					Single	5,400	6,200	6,700
Ottawa	Dec. 81	Mar. 82	Dollar	1.18	Family	5,700	7,600	8,800
					Single	5,400	5,700	7,100
Toronto	Dec. 81	Mar. 82	Dollar	1.18	Family	6,600	7,700	10,000
					Single	5,300	6,600	7,700
Vancouver	Dec. 81	Mar. 82	Dollar	1.18	Family	7,800	10,400	10,400
					Single	6,800	7,800	7,800
Chile: Santiago	May 82	May 82	Peso	39.0	Family	16,600	19,200	20,000
					Single	12,500	16,600	19,400
Colombia: Bogota	Aug. 81	Nov. 81	Peso	56.3	Family	11,100	12,800	14,600
					Single	9,300	10,800	12,700
Costa Rica: San Jose	Feb. 81	Apr. 81	Colon	13.8	Family	6,200	8,700	8,900
					Single	6,200	6,200	8,500
Cyprus: Nicosia	June 80	Oct. 81	Pound	0.434	Family	5,900	7,000	7,000
					Single	5,100	6,300	6,300
Denmark: Copenhagen	Apr. 82	June 82	Krone	7.86	Family	8,200	11,100	11,100
					Single	7,200	8,200	9,000
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo	Mar. 81	Mar. 81	Peso	1.24	Family	7,200	8,500	9,000
					Single	4,900	6,000	7,200
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Sucre	34.7	Family	9,700	11,700	11,700
					Single	7,700	8,700	10,000
Quito	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Sucre	34.7	Family	6,700	8,400	10,800
					Single	5,300	5,900	8,400
El Salvador: San Salvador	Feb. 80	Apr. 81	Colon	2.50	Family	6,600	7,800	9,300
					Single	5,500	6,600	6,600
Finland: Helsinki	June 82	June 82	Markka	4.50	Family	7,400	8,600	9,800
					Single	6,500	6,500	7,400
France: Paris	May 82	June 82	Franc	6.24	Family	10,800	12,600	14,100
					Single	7,900	10,800	11,800
Germany: Frankfurt	Apr. 82	June 82	Mark	2.33	Family	6,500	7,700	9,500
					Single	5,400	5,800	7,700
Heidelberg	Apr. 80	Feb. 82	Mark	2.33	Family	5,400	6,900	7,900
					Single	4,700	5,100	6,900
Mannheim	Apr. 80	Feb. 82	Mark	2.33	Family	4,700	5,600	5,600
					Single	4,700	4,700	5,000
Nurnberg	Apr. 80	Feb. 82	Mark	2.33	Family	5,100	6,000	6,900
					Single	4,100	4,600	5,800
Stuttgart	Apr. 80	Feb. 82	Mark	2.33	Family	5,900	6,900	7,600
					Single	5,100	5,100	6,300
Wiesbaden	May 81	Feb. 82	Mark	2.33	Family	6,700	7,900	8,300
					Single	5,100	6,700	8,000

See footnotes at end of table

Table 2. Continued—U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] July 1982

Country and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[2]	Exchange rate[3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US $	Family status[4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Greece: Athens	Oct. 81	Nov. 81	Drachma	55.5	Family	$10,100	$10,900	$10,900
					Single	6,700	7,900	10,100
Guatemala: Guatemala City	Jan. 81	Feb. 81	Quetzal	1.00	Family	9,100	9,600	10,500
					Single	6,700	8,100	8,100
Haiti: Port-au-Prince	Mar. 82	Apr. 82	Gourde	5.00	Family	9,400	9,400	10,900
					Single	6,800	7,900	9,400
Honduras: Tegucigalpa	May 81	June 81	Lempira	2.00	Family	9,000	11,700	11,700
					Single	8,000	8,000	9,000
Italy: Catania	Apr. 82	June 82	Lira	1349	Family	4,200	5,300	5,300
					Single	3,800	4,200	5,200
Leghorn	Apr. 80	June 82	Lira	1349	Family	3,500	4,900	4,900
					Single	3,000	3,100	4,600
Milan	Mar. 81	June 82	Lira	1349	Family	7,100	10,100	10,100
					Single	6,900	7,000	8,400
Naples	Apr. 82	June 82	Lira	1349	Family	5,700	6,900	7,400
					Single	5,400	6,900	6,900
Rome	Apr. 82	June 82	Lira	1349	Family	7,200	7,500	8,900
					Single	5,400	7,200	7,500
Jamaica: Kingston	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Dollar	1.78	Family	8,600	11,700	12,500
					Single	8,500	11,200	11,700
Japan: Misawa	Mar. 82	June 82	Yen	246	Family	4,400	5,100	5,300
					Single	4,400	4,400	5,100
Okinawa	Apr. 81	June 82	Yen	246	Family	5,900	6,300	6,300
					Single	4,300	6,300	6,300
Tokyo-To[5]	Mar. 82	June 82	Yen	246	Family	5,400	6,300	6,300
					Single	4,700	5,400	5,800
Yokohama	Mar. 81	June 82	Yen	246	Family	6,300	9,000	9,600
					Single	5,800	6,300	9,000
Korea: Seoul	June 80	Aug. 80	Won	603	Family	7,400	8,000	8,800
					Single	7,100	7,100	7,400
Luxembourg	Mar. 81	June 82	Franc	45.9	Family	9,900	12,300	12,300
					Single	8,100	9,900	11,800
Mexico: Mexico, D.F.	Sep. 81	Oct. 81	Peso	23.6	Family	13,000	17,000	17,400
					Single	9,700	11,500	12,200
Monterrey	Jan. 82	Feb. 82	Peso	24.7	Family	7,800	11,000	13,000
					Single	7,100	8,700	9,000
Netherlands: The Hague	Mar. 82	June 82	Guilder	2.66	Family	9,500	11,800	13,600
					Single	8,100	9,500	10,600
Soesterberg	Sep. 80	June 82	Guilder	2.66	Family	6,200	6,200	6,200
					Single	4,900	5,800	6,200
Nicaragua: Managua	May 82	June 82	Cordoba	27.5	Family	6,000	6,600	6,600
					Single	5,600	6,200	6,200
Norway: Oslo	June 82	June 82	Krone	6.15	Family	8,600	10,600	10,800
					Single	6,600	7,100	8,900
Panama: Panama City	Dec. 81	Jan. 82	Balboa	1.00	Family	10,200	12,100	15,900
					Single	8,000	10,200	14,300
Paraguay: Asuncion	Oct. 81	Feb. 82	Guarani	164	Family	9,800	10,000	10,300
					Single	9,000	9,800	10,000
Peru: Lima	Nov. 81	Jan. 82	Sol	496	Family	8,800	10,800	12,100
					Single	7,000	7,500	9,300
Philippines: Subic Bay	Jan. 81	Jan. 81	Peso	7.60	Family	3,000	4,400	4,400
					Single	3,000	4,400	4,400
Portugal: Lisbon	Oct. 81	Feb. 82	Escudo	65.7	Family	8,600	14,200	14,200
					Single	6,500	8,600	12,200
Singapore: Singapore	May 82	May 82	Dollar	2.12	Family	14,400	18,000	18,000
					Single	11,700	14,400	18,000
Spain: Madrid	Nov. 81	Mar. 82	Peseta	103.0	Family	7,600	10,100	10,300
					Single	6,600	7,600	10,100
Rota	Nov. 81	Mar. 82	Peseta	103.0	Family	3,700	4,200	5,500
					Single	3,300	3,700	4,200

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Table 2. Continued—U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] July 1982

Country and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[2]	Exchange rate[3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US $	Family status[4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Sweden: Stockholm	June 80	Mar. 82	Krone	5.74	Family	$ 8,200	$ 0,200	$ 10,200
					Single	6,200	8,200	8,200
Switzerland: Bern	June 82	June 82	Franc	1.96	Family	11,200	14,100	15,800
					Single	9,400	12,600	13,400
Geneva	June 82	June 82	Franc	1.96	Family	12,000	16,400	16,400
					Single	10,600	13,000	15,000
Thailand: Bangkok	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Baht	23.0	Family	7,600	8,700	9,900
					Single	5,700	7,600	8,500
Trinidad and Tobago: Port-of-Spain	Nov. 80	Nov. 80	Dollar	2.40	Family	13,900	15,200	15,200
					Single	11,600	13,000	13,000
Turkey: Adana-Incirlik	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	2,700	3,000	3,000
					Single	2,400	3,000	3,000
Ankara	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	3,800	4,500	4,500
					Single	2,800	3,800	3,800
Istanbul	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	5,300	7,600	7,600
					Single	4,700	5,300	6,200
Izmir-Cigli	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	4,500	5,700	5,700
					Single	3,700	4,600	5,700
United Kingdom: London	Nov. 81	June 82	Pound	0.552	Family	9,800	11,900	15,300
					Single	8,800	9,000	12,000
Oxfordshire	Aug. 80	June 82	Pound	0.552	Family	4,900	5,700	5,700
					Single	4,700	4,700	5,700
Uruguay: Montevideo	Feb. 82	Feb. 82	Peso	10.9	Family	12,600	14,800	14,800
					Single	10,600	11,600	11,600
Venezuela: Caracas	Dec. 81	Jan. 82	Bolivar	4.28	Family	16,100	19,900	23,100
					Single	12,200	14,200	16,100

[1] The allowance figures shown in the table are the maximum allowances payable. The quarters allowance paid to each eligible government employee is either the amount of actual housing costs or the allowance maximum, whichever is less.

[2] The survey date is the month when the employee housing expenditure reports were submitted to the Allowances Staff. The effective date is the month when either (a) new allowances were introduced on the basis of employee housing expenditure reports or (b) the allowances were last revised solely for changes in currency exchange rates.

[3] The exchange rate is the rate used to compute the quarters allowances as of the effective date.

[4] Quarters allowances are computed for single persons and 2-person families. Employees with larger families living with them at post receive supplements of 10, 20, or 30 percent of the 2-person allowance (for families of 3 to 4 persons, 5 to 6 persons, or 7 or more persons, respectively).

[5] The quarters allowances for Tokyo-To refer to housing in the Tokyo suburbs.

NOTE: Estimated housing costs for several countries are presented in Near East/North African Business Costs, a single issue (OBR 80-41) contained in the Overseas Business Reports series. The publication is available for $1.25 from the Publication Sales Branch, Room 1617, Department of Commerce, Washington D.C. 20230.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Allowances Staff.

Table 3. U.S. Department of State hardship differentials, July 1982

Country and city	Differential rate (percent)	Country and city	Differential rate (percent)	Country and city	Differential rate (percent)
Afghanistan:[1] Kabul	25	Guinea: Conakry	25	Philippines: Cebu	15
Algeria: Algiers	10	Guinea-Bissau: Bissau	25	Manila	10
Oran	15	Guyana: Georgetown	20	Poland: Krakow	10
Antigua and Barbuda	10	Haiti: Port-au-Prince	10	Poznan	10
Bahrain	15	Honduras: Tegucigalpa	15	Warsaw	10
Bangladesh: Dacca	25	India: Bombay	20	Portugal: Ponta Delgada, Azores	10
Belize: Belize City	20	Calcutta	20	Qatar: Doha	20
Benin: Cotonou	25	Madras	20	Romania: Bucharest	10
Bolivia: La Paz	25	New Delhi	15	Rwanda: Kigali	25
Botswana: Gaborone	10	Indonesia: Jakarta	15	Saudi Arabia: Dhahran Area	20
Brazil: Brasilia	10	Medan	20	Jidda	20
Recife	10	Surabaya	20	Riyadh	20
Bulgaria: Sofia	10	Iraq: Baghdad	25	Senegal: Dakar	15
Burma: Rangoon	25	Ivory Coast: Abidjan	15	Seychelles	15
Burundi: Bujumbura	25	Jamaica: Kingston	15	Sierra Leone: Freetown	20
Cameroon: Douala	15	Japan: Okinawa Prefecture	10	Somalia: Mogadishu	25
Yaounde	15	Jordan: Amman	10	Sri Lanka: Colombo	25
Cape Verde: Praia	20	Kenya: Mombasa	10	Sudan: Khartoum	25
Central African Rep.: Bangui	20	Kuwait: Kuwait	15	Suriname: Paramaribo	10
Chad: Ndjamena	25	Laos: Vientiane	25	Syria: Damascus	20
China: Beijing	20	Lebanon:[1] Beirut	15	Tanzania: Dar es Salaam	25
Guangzhou	20	Lesotho: Maseru	10	Thailand: Bangkok	10
Shanghai	15	Liberia: Monrovia	25	Chiang Mai	15
Colombia: Barranquilla	15	Madagascar: Antananarivo	25	Songkhla	25
Bogota	15	Malawi: Blantyre	10	Udorn	20
Cali	10	Lilongwe	10	Togo: Lome	20
Congo: Brazzaville	20	Mali: Bamako	25	Turkey: Adana-Incirlik	10
Cuba: Havana	20	Mauritania: Nouakchott	25	Ankara	10
Djibouti: Djibouti	25	Mauritius	10	Istanbul	10
Dominican Rep.: Santo Domingo	10	Mozambique: Maputo	25	Izmir-Cigli	10
Ecuador: Guayaquil	15	Nepal: Kathmandu	20	Uganda: Kampala	25
Quito	15	Nicaragua: Managua	20	United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi	20
Egypt: Alexandria	15	Niger: Niamey	25	Dubai	20
Cairo	15	Nigeria: Kaduna	20	United Kingdom: Belfast	15
El Salvador:[1] San Salvador	15	Lagos	25	Upper Volta: Ouagadougou	25
Equatorial Guinea: Malabo	25	Norway: Tromso	10	U.S.S.R.: Leningrad	20
Ethiopia: Addis Ababa	25	Oman: Muscat	20	Moscow	20
Fiji: Suva	10	Pakistan: Islamabad	20	Venezuela: Maracaibo	10
French West Indies: Martinique	15	Karachi	20	Yemen Arab Republic: Sana	25
Gabon: Libreville	20	Lahore	20	Zaire: Kinshasa	20
Gambia: Banjul	20	Peshawar	25	Lubumbashi	20
Ghana: Accra	20	Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby	20	Zambia: Lusaka	25
Guatemala: Guatemala City	15	Paraguay: Asuncion	10	Zimbabwe: Harare	10

[1] In addition to the differential rate shown, employees in this country receive 25 percent "danger pay."

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This report contains the U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad, quarters allowances, and hardship differentials. The statistics are computed by the Allowances Staff of the Department of State for use in establishing allowances to compensate American civilian government employees for costs and hardships related to assignments abroad. This information is also used by many business firms and other private organizations to assist in establishing private compensation systems. The data are published quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

Detailed explanations of the methods of compiling the indexes, quarters allowances, and hardship differentials and their use in the government overseas allowance program were published in *U.S. Department of State Indexes of Living Costs Abroad and Quarters Allowances: A Technical Description* (Report 568), available on request from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is important that allowance data users be thoroughly familiar with the methods used in compiling these statistics and their limitations. The data are compiled to establish allowances for government employees, and the government allowance program involves some provisions applicable only to government employees. Furthermore, the index, quarters allowance, and hardship differential statistics do not provide all the information generally necessary to establish private compensation programs.

The indexes of living costs abroad (table 1) are used to compute post allowances for employees at posts where the cost of living, based on an American pattern of living, is significantly higher than in Washington, D.C. To compute the post allowance, the appropriate index of living costs abroad is applied to spendable income—the estimated portion of employee salary used to purchase consumer goods and services. The post allowance does not cover housing and children's education, which are covered by separate allowances.

The indexes of living costs abroad compare the cost in dollars of representative goods and services (excluding housing and education) purchased at foreign posts and the cost of comparable goods and services in Washington, D.C. The indexes are calculated on the basis of price data reported by foreign posts using a standard retail price schedule and data similarly reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Washington, D.C.

Separate indexes are computed for privately employed Americans, in addition to the indexes used to establish post allowances for government employees. The latter indexes—the U.S. Government relative and U.S. Government index—take into consideration prices of goods imported to posts and price advantages available only to U.S. Government employees. The indexes computed for private American employees—the local relative and local index—exclude these special factors. The indexes are published for all government posts for which indexes are computed on a regular basis.

The indexes are place-to-place comparisons at specific times. They cannot be used for measuring cost changes over time at a foreign post. Also, the indexes should not be used to compare living costs of Americans in the United States with the living costs of foreign nationals living in their own country, since the indexes reflect only the expenditure pattern and living costs of Americans.

The quarters allowance data (table 2) are the maximum allowances payable to cover housing costs, and represent the average cost of housing at foreign posts. The U.S. Government provides its American civilian employees abroad with either free government housing or an allowance to cover the cost of privately rented housing. The allowance payable is either the amount of actual housing costs or the maximum, whichever is less. The allowances are computed and paid in U.S. dollars.

The quarters allowances reimburse employees for rent; electricity, gas, fuel, and water; taxes and insurance premiums required by local law or custom to be paid by the tenant; and agents' fees incurred by the landlord and required by law or custom to be paid by the tenant as a condition of obtaining a lease. The allowance may also cover the costs of furniture rental and garage rent.

The allowances are established on the basis of expenditure reports submitted annually by all employees in private housing abroad. Maximums are established

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according to family status and salary range. The quarters data are published for all foreign posts where 10 or more employees rent private housing.

The hardship differential statistics (table 3) are used to compute post differentials for employees at posts where living conditions are extraordinarily difficult, physical hardships are excessive, or conditions are notably unhealthy. The hardship differential rate for each post is compiled on the basis of a standard evaluation of environmental conditions. The evaluation procedure consists of the collection of information concerning post conditions, primarily from a Post Differential Questionnaire, and the rating of the post for 124 specific environmental factors, weighted for relative importance. Depending on the total hardship rating, employees are paid differentials of 10, 15, 20 or 25 percent of base pay.

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Table 1. U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), October 1982
(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
Algeria: Algiers	Mar. 82	Dinar	4.50	123	125	114	116
Antigua and Barbuda: St. Johns	Jan. 82	Dollar	2.68	114	116	92	95
Argentina: Buenos Aires	Mar. 82	Peso	10000	110	112	101	103
Australia: Canberra	Sep. 81	Dollar	0.8547	127	126	116	116
Austria: Vienna	Jan. 82	Shilling	16.4	142	137	126	122
Bahamas: Freeport	Dec. 81	Dollar	1.00	123	124	117	117
Nassau	Jan. 82	Dollar	1.00	125	132	120	126
Bahrain: Manama	Feb. 82	Dinar	0.3750	124	137	116	130
Bangladesh: Dacca	Dec. 81	Taka	19.0	98	105	90	96
Barbados: Bridgetown	Nov. 81	Dollar	2.01	126	129	114	116
Belgium: Brussels	June 82	Franc	47.0	115	113	105	103
Belize: Belize City	June 82	Dollar	1.98	101	108	93	100
Benin: Cotonou	Jan. 82	CFA Franc	300	111	122	100	111
Bermuda	Apr. 81	Dollar	1.00	126	126	98	98
Bolivia: La Paz	Nov. 81	Peso	33.0	99	103	88	92
Botswana: Gaborone	Feb. 81	Pula	0.8065	108	110	99	100
Brazil: Brasilia	Nov. 81	Cruzeiro	117	95	94	90	89
Recife	Nov. 80	Cruzeiro	61.1	104	102	91	90
Rio de Janeiro	May 82	Cruzeiro	158	111	108	102	98
Sao Paulo	Dec. 81	Cruzeiro	121	105	101	103	99
British West Indies: Antigua	Jan. 81	Dollar	2.69	110	112	91	93
Grand Cayman	Sep. 80	Dollar	0.8000	124	128	120	123
Bulgaria: Sofia	May 82	Leva	0.9420	102	114	93	106
Burma: Rangoon	Aug. 81	Kyat	7.26	97	111	80	91
Burundi: Bujumbura	Jan. 82	Franc	89.5	140	144	122	125
Cameroon: Yaounde	Nov. 81	CFA Franc	278	123	129	110	116
Canada: Calgary	Jan. 82	Dollar	1.20	107	106	105	104
Ottawa	Nov. 81	Dollar	1.18	106	105	102	101
Vancouver	July 81	Dollar	1.20	111	111	102	102
Whitehorse	Oct. 81	Dollar	1.19	114	116	114	116
Central African Republic: Bangui	Dec. 81	CFA Franc	301	133	137	116	121
Chad: N'Djamena	May 82	CFA Franc	300	131	138	114	121
Chile: Santiago	Apr. 82	Peso	39.0	131	156	114	140
China: Beijing	July 80	Yuan	1.46	91	96	88	93
Colombia: Bogota	Sep. 81	Peso	53.5	99	102	94	98
Congo: Brazzaville	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	280	140	149	114	122
Costa Rica: San Jose	Mar. 81	Colon	15.0	80	83	80	83
Cyprus: Nicosia	Aug. 81	Pound	0.4545	103	102	92	90
Czechoslovakia: Prague	Oct. 80	(*)	(*)	107	105	83	82
Denmark: Copenhagen	Mar. 82	Krone	8.00	128	124	109	107
Djibouti: Djibouti	June 81	Franc	177	152	161	126	136
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo	Jan. 82	Peso	1.33	101	106	93	98
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Mar. 81	Sucre	30.0	93	106	89	102
Quito	Jan. 81	Sucre	29.0	90	100	78	87
Egypt: Cairo	May 82	Pound	0.8317	99	111	82	95
Ethiopia: Addis Ababa	Nov. 81	Birr	2.07	117	122	91	97
Fiji: Suva	Feb. 82	Dollar	0.8929	105	110	94	99
Finland: Helsinki	Jan. 81	Markka	4.00	149	149	122	121

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Table 1. Continued—U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), October 1982

(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
France: Bordeaux	Mar. 82	Franc	6.20	134	133	118	117
Lyon	Mar. 82	Franc	6.20	131	130	116	116
Marseille	Mar. 82	Franc	6.20	132	131	119	119
Paris	Mar. 81	Franc	4.80	157	153	132	131
Strasbourg	Apr. 82	Franc	6.20	128	128	110	110
French West Indies: Martinique	Mar. 82	Franc	6.00	117	126	105	114
Gabon: Libreville	Oct. 81	CFA Franc	280	146	161	117	131
Gambia: Banjul	Dec. 81	Dalasi	2.15	113	124	104	114
Germany: Dusseldorf	Feb. 82	Mark	2.30	126	123	109	106
Frankfurt	Feb. 81	Mark	2.00	141	138	102	101
Hamburg	Mar. 82	Mark	2.30	128	125	110	108
Greece: Athens	Oct. 81	Drachma	55.2	108	107	83	83
Guatemala: Guatemala City	July 81	Quetzal	1.00	104	111	95	102
Guyana: Georgetown	Jan. 80	Dollar	2.54	107	109	96	98
Haiti: Port-au-Prince	Oct. 81	Gourde	5.00	110	118	95	103
Honduras: Tegucigalpa	July 81	Lempira	2.00	102	108	89	95
Hong Kong: Hong Kong	Mar. 82	Dollar	5.80	105	114	97	107
Hungary: Budapest	Nov. 81	Forint	34.4	76	74	83	80
Iceland: Reykjavik	June 82	Krona	11.3	149	147	109	108
India: New Delhi	Mar. 81	Rupee	8.25	88	93	81	88
Indonesia: Jakarta	Mar. 82	Rupiah	640	115	121	94	101
Iraq: Baghdad	Oct. 81	Dinar	0.2924	107	128	100	121
Ireland: Dublin	May 81	Pound	0.6250	117	117	105	105
Israel: Tel Aviv	May 82	Shekel	20.7	117	118	105	105
Italy: Genoa	May 82	Lira	1300	114	111	100	97
Milan	Mar. 82	Lira	1300	114	110	103	100
Palermo	Feb. 82	Lira	1300	116	117	105	106
Rome	Feb. 82	Lira	1300	110	108	100	99
Ivory Coast: Abidjan	Apr. 81	CFA Franc	280	130	141	109	120
Jamaica: Kingston	June 82	Dollar	1.78	118	124	99	106
Japan: Fukuoka	Feb. 82	Yen	230	138	143	118	125
Kobe-Osaka	Jan. 81	Yen	205	153	162	128	139
Okinawa	Feb. 81	Yen	230	118	130	91	103
Sapporo	Feb. 82	Yen	230	139	141	120	123
Tokyo	Feb. 82	Yen	230	138	142	101	108
Yokosuka	Feb. 81	Yen	205	150	156	100	106
Jordan: Amman	May 82	Dinar	0.3455	110	114	96	101
Kenya: Nairobi	July 81	Shilling	8.90	116	118	98	99
Mombasa	Dec. 81	Shilling	10.2	103	108	90	96
Korea: Seoul	June 81	Won	684	123	125	74	78
Kuwait: Kuwait	Oct. 81	Dinar	0.2809	112	135	104	128
Lebanon: Beirut	May 81	Pound	4.20	92	98	90	96
Lesotho: Maseru	Oct. 81	Rand	0.9346	100	100	91	90
Liberia: Monrovia	June 82	Dollar	1.00	133	144	115	125
Luxembourg: Luxembourg	Feb. 82	Franc	45.0	111	112	102	103
Madagascar: Antananarivo	Apr. 82	Franc	360	113	127	106	120
Malawi: Lilongwe	Nov. 81	Kwacha	0.8954	118	118	99	99
Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur	June 82	Dollar	2.30	116	123	104	112
Mali: Bamako	Sep. 81	Franc	550	123	131	108	114
Malta: Valletta	Oct. 81	Pound	0.3881	105	107	97	100
Mauritania: Nouakchott	Oct. 81	Ouguiya	48.0	145	163	118	137
Mauritius: Port Louis	Mar. 81	Rupee	8.10	107	111	92	96
Mexico: Mexico, D.F.	Jan. 82	Peso	26.4	109	*110	104	*104
Morocco: Casablanca	Feb. 82	Dirham	5.80	118	118	100	100
Rabat	Feb. 82	Dirham	5.80	108	106	95	95
Nepal: Kathmandu	Mar. 82	Rupee	13.1	90	96	81	86
Netherlands: The Hague	Feb. 82	Guilder	2.60	127	125	110	110
Netherlands Antilles: Curacao	May 82	Florin	1.79	112	113	105	106
New Zealand: Wellington	Nov. 81	Dollar	1.20	110	111	99	100
Nicaragua: Managua	Aug. 81	Cordoba	10.0	122	131	98	108
Niger: Niamey	June 81	CFA Franc	290	137	145	116	124
Nigeria: Kaduna	Apr. 82	Naira	0.6689	128	145	112	125
Lagos	Feb. 82	Naira	0.6689	151	164	118	130
Norway: Oslo	May 82	Krone	6.00	158	154	126	124
Oman: Muscat	Apr. 82	Rial	0.3425	127	141	116	130
Pakistan: Islamabad	Dec. 80	Rupee	9.90	96	103	83	91
Karachi	Dec. 81	Rupee	9.90	98	106	90	96
Panama: Panama City	July 81	Balboa	1.00	99	104	86	92

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Table 1. Continued—U.S. Department of State indexes of living costs abroad (excluding housing and education), October 1982

(Washington, D.C. = 100)

Country and city	Survey date	Exchange rate[1]		Local[2]		U.S. Government[3]	
		Foreign unit	Number per US $	Relative	Index	Relative	Index
Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby	Oct. 81	Kina	0.6667	129	141	116	128
Paraguay: Asuncion	Dec. 81	Guarani	157	110	115	100	104
Peru: Lima	Dec. 81	Sol	495	98	100	92	93
Philippines: Manila	Dec. 80	Peso	7.66	98	104	84	91
Poland: Warsaw	Apr. 82	Zloty	83.9	69	77	80	88
Portugal: Lisbon	Sep. 81	Escudo	63.0	111	110	93	92
Qatar: Doha	Apr. 82	Riyal	3.63	114	130	110	126
Romania: Bucharest	May 82	Lei	10.9	119	131	108	120
Rwanda: Kigali	Jan. 82	Franc	91.5	114	123	98	108
Saudi Arabia: Al Khobar (Dhahran)	May 82	Riyal	3.40	120	139	90	109
Jidda	Oct. 81	Riyal	3.39	116	135	92	110
Riyadh	Apr. 82	Riyal	3.40	116	137	89	109
Senegal: Dakar	June 82	CFA Franc	300	130	136	109	115
Seychelles: Victoria	Feb. 82	Rupee	6.33	133	142	116	124
Sierra Leone: Freetown	Mar. 82	Leone	1.20	131	143	110	119
Singapore: Singapore	Mar. 82	Dollar	2.11	109	119	101	111
Somalia: Mogadishu	Jan. 82	Shilling	12.5	117	126	98	108
South Africa: Johannesburg	Nov. 81	Rand	0.9524	103	103	95	95
Spain: Barcelona	May 81	Peseta	95.0	112	107	99	97
Madrid	Feb. 82	Peseta	99.0	119	114	96	94
Sri Lanka: Colombo	Mar. 82	Rupee	20.5	88	92	81	86
Sudan: Khartoum	Sep. 81	Pound	0.7920	133	146	100	111
Suriname: Paramaribo	Mar. 82	Florin	1.75	108	121	98	111
Swaziland: Mbabane	Jan. 81	Rand	0.7510	109	109	98	98
Sweden: Stockholm	May 81	Krona	4.80	150	148	127	126
Switzerland: Geneva	Mar. 82	Franc	1.90	137	134	128	[4]
Syria: Damascus	Nov. 81	Pound	3.90	119	120	102	103
Taiwan: Taipei	Mar. 82	Dollar	38.1	106	115	[5]94	[5]104
Tanzania: Dar es Salaam	May 82	Shilling	9.40	138	148	121	128
Thailand: Bangkok	Feb. 82	Baht	22.9	91	96	87	93
Togo: Lome	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	275	122	134	105	116
Trinidad and Tobago: Port-of-Spain	May 82	Dollar	2.40	117	123	103	109
Tunisia: Tunis	June 80	Dinar	0.3982	114	125	93	104
Turkey: Istanbul	Feb. 82	Lira	143	91	92	85	87
United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi	May 81	Dirham	3.64	119	133	110	124
United Kingdom: Belfast	Mar. 82	Pound	0.5555	131	131	113	113
London	June 82	Pound	0.5555	129	124	108	105
Upper Volta: Ouagadougou	Sep. 81	CFA Franc	270	151	157	131	137
Uruguay: Montevideo	Feb. 82	Peso	11.6	132	140	101	109
U.S.S.R.: Moscow	Dec. 81	Ruble	0.7000	128	142	101	117
Venezuela: Caracas	June 82	Bolivar	4.28	125	140	105	120
Yemen: Sana	Mar. 82	Rial	4.56	120	130	105	114
Yugoslavia: Belgrade	June 81	Dinar	33.4	95	93	86	84
Zaire: Kinshasa	Feb. 82	Zaire	5.50	194	201	136	143
Lubumbashi	Feb. 82	Zaire	5.53	188	192	137	140
Zambia: Lusaka	May 82	Kwacha	0.9000	133	138	105	110
Zimbabwe: Harare	Feb. 82	Dollar	0.7246	118	120	97	100

[1] The exchange rates shown are those used to calculate the indexes. They are usually the rates prevailing 2 or 3 months after the survey dates. Current exchange rates may differ from the rates shown. Interim indexes adjusted for new exchange rates are not published. See "Adjustment for new exchange rates" in the Technical Description (Report 568) for an explanation of how the local indexes may be adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

[2] The local relative and local index measure living costs for private American citizens. The relative is a basic price comparison of goods and services in the foreign city and in Washington, D.C. The index is the local relative adjusted to reflect modifications in the consumption expenditures made by Americans living in the foreign city. The local index is the measure appropriate for establishing cost-of-living allowances for nongovernment American employees overseas.

[3] The government relative and index measuring living costs for U.S. Government employees include any special benefits that might be available to government employees. The relative is a basic price comparison and the index reflects adjustments in consumption expenditures made by Americans in the foreign city.

[4] Two exchange rates were used in the calculation of the indexes—the rate of 9.31 koruna for purchases in local retail outlets and the rate of 5.25 Tuzex crowns for purchases in Tuzex (hard currency) stores.

[5] The government index is higher than the local index. See "U.S. Government index" on pp. 3-4 in the Technical Description (Report 568).

[6] The indexes shown were computed using the exchange rate as of the January 1982 survey date. In February 1982, the Mexican peso was floated relative to the U.S. dollar.

[7] There are no U.S. Government employees in Taipei. The figures listed in this column represent a living cost comparison for American employees of the American Institute in Taiwan, who have some duty-free and other special benefits that may not be available to other Americans in Taipei.

NOTE: The table of average annual spendable income by salary range and family size has been revised by adding upper income categories between $50,000 through $70,000 and over and by consolidating income categories under $10,000. (The data for income categories between $10,000 and $50,000 are unchanged.) Copies of the new table may be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Division of Foreign Labor Statistics and Trade (telephone 202-523-9301).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Allowances Staff.

Table 2. U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] October 1982

Country and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[3]	Exchange rate[4]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US $	Family status[5]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Argentina: Buenos Aires	Jan. 82	Feb. 82	Peso	10550	Family	$20,800	$27,500	$27,500
					Single	16,000	17,200	22,400
Australia: Sydney	Aug. 82	Sept. 82	Dollar	0.979	Family	10,700	13,400	18,000
					Single	10,000	10,700	13,400
Bahamas: Nassau	Jan. 82	Feb. 82	Dollar	1.00	Family	14,400	14,400	16,800
					Single	12,400	13,000	13,000
Bahrain: Manama	June 82	June 82	Dinar	0.375	Family	12,400	14,700	14,700
					Single	11,500	12,400	14,700
Barbados	June 82	June 82	Dollar	2.01	Family	7,900	9,400	10,800
					Single	7,200	7,900	8,600
Belgium: Brussels	July 82	Sept. 82	Franc	47.4	Family	7,300	9,400	10,600
					Single	6,200	7,300	9,000
Bermuda	Dec. 81	Feb. 82	Dollar	1.00	Family	10,100	11,000	13,000
					Single	7,700	9,500	11,000
Brazil: Rio De Janeiro	Apr. 82	May 82	Cruzeiro	152	Family	11,400	14,200	19,800
					Single	9,300	11,400	14,200
Canada: Montreal	Dec. 81	Aug. 82	Dollar	1.26	Family	5,500	6,500	9,200
					Single	5,500	6,100	6,500
Ottawa	Dec. 81	Aug. 82	Dollar	1.26	Family	5,600	7,400	8,600
					Single	5,300	5,600	6,900
Toronto	Dec. 81	Aug. 82	Dollar	1.26	Family	6,400	7,500	9,700
					Single	5,200	6,400	7,500
Vancouver	Dec. 81	Aug. 82	Dollar	1.26	Family	7,600	10,100	10,100
					Single	6,600	7,600	7,600
Chile: Santiago	May 82	May 82	Peso	39.0	Family	16,600	19,200	20,000
					Single	12,500	16,600	19,400
Colombia: Bogota	Aug. 81	Nov. 81	Peso	56.3	Family	11,100	12,800	14,600
					Single	9,300	10,800	12,700
Costa Rica: San Jose	Feb. 81	Apr. 81	Colon	13.8	Family	6,200	8,700	8,900
					Single	6,200	6,200	8,500
Cyprus: Nicosia	June 80	Oct. 81	Pound	0.434	Family	5,900	7,000	7,000
					Single	5,100	6,300	6,300
Denmark: Copenhagen	Apr. 82	June 82	Krone	7.86	Family	8,200	11,100	11,100
					Single	7,200	8,200	9,000
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo	Mar. 81	Mar. 81	Peso	1.24	Family	7,200	8,500	9,000
					Single	4,900	6,000	7,200
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Sucre	34.7	Family	9,700	11,700	11,700
					Single	7,700	8,700	10,000
Quito	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Sucre	34.7	Family	6,700	8,400	10,800
					Single	5,300	5,900	8,400
El Salvador: San Salvador	Feb. 80	Apr. 81	Colon	2.50	Family	6,600	7,800	9,300
					Single	5,500	6,600	6,600
Finland: Helsinki	June 82	July 82	Markka	4.75	Family	7,100	8,200	9,300
					Single	6,200	6,200	7,100
France: Paris	May 82	July 82	Franc	6.87	Family	9,900	11,500	12,900
					Single	7,200	9,900	10,800
Germany: Frankfurt	Apr. 82	July 82	Mark	2.46	Family	6,200	7,300	9,000
					Single	5,200	5,500	7,300
Heidelberg-Mannheim[6]	Apr. 80	July 82	Mark	2.46	Family	5,400	6,800	7,500
					Single	4,600	5,000	6,800
Nurnberg	Apr. 80	July 82	Mark	2.46	Family	4,900	5,700	6,500
					Single	3,900	4,400	5,500
Stuttgart	Apr. 80	July 82	Mark	2.46	Family	5,600	6,600	7,200
					Single	4,900	4,900	6,000
Wiesbaden	May 81	July 82	Mark	2.46	Family	6,400	7,500	7,900
					Single	4,900	6,400	7,600
Greece: Athens	Oct. 81	Nov. 81	Drachma	55.5	Family	10,100	10,900	10,900
					Single	6,700	7,900	10,100

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Continued—U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] October 1982

Country and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[2]	Exchange rate[3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US $	Family status[4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Guatemala: Guatemala City	Jan. 81	Feb. 81	Quetzal	1.00	Family	$ 9,100	$ 9,600	$10,500
					Single	6,700	8,100	8,100
Haiti: Port-au-Prince	Mar. 82	Apr. 82	Gourde	5.00	Family	9,400	9,400	10,900
					Single	6,800	7,900	9,400
Honduras: Tegucigalpa	May 81	June 81	Lempira	2.00	Family	9,000	11,700	11,700
					Single	8,000	8,000	9,000
Italy: Catania	Apr. 82	Aug. 82	Lira	1400	Family	4,100	5,300	5,300
					Single	3,700	4,100	5,200
Leghorn	Apr. 80	Aug. 82	Lira	1400	Family	3,400	4,900	4,900
					Single	3,000	3,000	4,500
Milan	Mar. 81	Aug. 82	Lira	1400	Family	6,900	9,800	9,800
					Single	6,700	6,800	8,300
Naples	Apr. 82	Aug. 82	Lira	1400	Family	5,700	6,700	7,200
					Single	5,400	6,700	6,700
Rome	Apr. 82	Aug. 82	Lira	1400	Family	7,000	7,300	8,700
					Single	5,400	7,000	7,300
Jamaica: Kingston	June 82	Sep. 82	Dollar	1.78	Family	9,400	12,100	14,200
					Single	8,700	11,200	12,100
Japan: Misawa	Mar. 82	Aug. 82	Yen	258	Family	4,200	4,900	5,100
					Single	4,200	4,200	4,900
Okinawa	Apr. 81	Aug. 82	Yen	258	Family	5,700	6,100	6,100
					Single	4,100	6,100	6,100
Tokyo-To[5]	Mar. 82	Aug. 82	Yen	258	Family	5,200	6,100	6,100
					Single	4,500	5,200	5,600
Yokohama	Mar. 81	Aug. 82	Yen	258	Family	6,100	8,600	9,200
					Single	5,600	6,100	8,600
Korea: Seoul	May 82	July 82	Won	721	Family	8,000	8,600	9,700
					Single	7,400	7,800	8,000
Luxembourg	Mar. 81	July 82	Franc	47.4	Family	9,600	12,000	12,000
					Single	7,900	9,600	11,500
Mexico: Mexico, D.F.	May 82	Aug. 82	Peso	71.0	Family	10,900	14,300	16,000
					Single	8,600	10,000	10,900
Monterrey	Jan. 82	Aug. 82	Peso	71.0	Family	7,800	11,000	13,000
					Single	7,100	8,700	9,000
Netherlands: The Hague	Mar. 82	Sep. 82	Guilder	2.69	Family	9,400	11,800	13,500
					Single	8,100	9,400	10,600
Soesterberg	Sep. 80	Sep. 82	Guilder	2.69	Family	6,300	6,300	6,300
					Single	4,900	5,800	6,300
Nicaragua: Managua	May 82	June 82	Cordoba	27.5	Family	6,000	6,600	6,600
					Single	5,600	6,200	6,200
Norway: Oslo	June 82	Aug. 82	Krone	6.74	Family	8,000	9,800	10,000
					Single	6,100	6,600	8,300
Panama: Panama City	Dec. 81	Jan. 82	Balboa	1.00	Family	10,200	12,100	15,900
					Single	8,000	10,200	14,300
Paraguay: Asuncion	Oct. 81	Feb. 82	Guarani	164	Family	9,800	10,000	10,300
					Single	9,000	9,800	10,000
Peru: Lima	Nov. 81	Jan. 82	Sol	496	Family	8,800	10,800	12,100
					Single	7,000	7,500	9,300
Philippines: Subic Bay	Jan. 81	Jan. 81	Peso	7.60	Family	3,000	4,400	4,400
					Single	3,000	4,400	4,400
Portugal: Lisbon	Oct. 81	Feb. 82	Escudo	65.7	Family	8,600	14,200	14,200
					Single	6,500	8,600	12,200
Singapore: Singapore	May 82	May 82	Dollar	2.12	Family	14,400	18,000	18,000
					Single	11,700	14,400	18,000
Spain: Madrid	Nov. 81	July 82	Peseta	112.0	Family	7,100	9,400	9,600
					Single	6,200	7,100	9,400
Rota	Nov. 81	July 82	Peseta	112.0	Family	3,500	4,000	5,100
					Single	3,100	3,500	4,000

See footnotes at end of table

Table 2. Continued—U.S. Department of State quarters allowances,[1] October 1982

County and city	Survey date[2]	Effective date[2]	Exchange rate[3]		Annual allowance by family status and salary range			
			Foreign unit	Number per US$	Family status[4]	Less than $22,000	$22,000 to $40,000	$40,000 to $60,000
Sweden: Stockholm	May 82	July 82	Krone	6.16	Family	$8,800	$10,300	$10,300
					Single	6,700	8,800	8,800
Switzerland: Bern	June 82	July 82	Franc	2.09	Family	10,600	13,300	14,900
					Single	8,900	11,900	12,600
Geneva	June 82	July 82	Franc	2.09	Family	11,300	15,400	15,400
					Single	10,000	12,200	14,100
Thailand: Bangkok	Feb. 82	Mar. 82	Baht	23.0	Family	7,600	8,700	9,900
					Single	5,700	7,600	8,500
Trinidad and Tobago: Port-of-Spain	Nov. 80	Nov. 80	Dollar	2.40	Family	13,900	15,200	15,200
					Single	11,600	13,000	13,000
Turkey: Adana-Incirlik	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	2,700	3,000	3,000
					Single	2,400	3,000	3,000
Ankara	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	3,800	4,500	4,500
					Single	2,800	3,800	3,800
Istanbul	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	5,300	7,600	7,600
					Single	4,700	5,300	6,200
Izmir-Cigli	Jan. 82	Jan. 82	Lira	130	Family	4,500	5,700	5,700
					Single	3,700	4,600	5,700
United Kingdom: London	Nov. 81	July 82	Pound	0.571	Family	9,500	11,500	14,800
					Single	8,600	8,700	11,600
Oxfordshire	Apr. 82	Aug. 82	Pound	0.579	Family	4,800	5,600	5,600
					Single	4,600	4,600	5,600
Uruguay: Montevideo	Feb. 82	Feb. 82	Peso	10.9	Family	12,600	14,800	14,800
					Single	10,600	11,600	11,600
Venezuela: Caracas	Dec. 81	Jan. 82	Bolivar	4.28	Family	16,100	19,900	23,100
					Single	12,200	14,200	16,100

[1] The allowance figures shown in the table are the maximum allowances payable. The quarters allowance paid to each eligible government employee is either the amount of actual housing costs of the allowance maximum, whichever is less.

[2] The survey date is the month when the employee housing expenditure reports were submitted to the Allowances Staff. The effective date is the month when either (a) new allowances were introduced on the basis of employee housing expenditure reports or (b) the allowances were last revised solely for changes in currency exchange rates.

[3] The exchange rate is the rate used to compute the quarters allowances as of the effective date.

[4] Quarters allowances are computed for single persons and 2-person families. Employees with larger families living with them at post receive supplements of 10, 20, or 30 percent of the 2-person allowance (for families of 3 to 4 persons, 5 to 6 persons, or 7 or more persons, respectively).

[5] Heidelberg and Mannheim are combined as one post for the purpose of allowances as of June 13, 1982.

[6] The quarters allowances for Toyko-To refer to housing in the Tokyo suburbs.

NOTE: Estimated housing costs for several countries are presented in ***Near East/North African Business Costs,*** single issue (OBR 80-41) contained in the Overseas Business Reports series. The publication is available for $1.25 from the Publication Sales Branch, Room 1617, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Allowances Staff.

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Table 3. U.S. Department of State hardship differentials, October 1982

Country and city	Differential rate (percent)	Country and city	Differential rate (percent)	Country and city	Differential rate (percent)
Afghanistan:[1] Kabul	25	Guinea-Bissau: Bissau	25	Philippines: Cebu	15
Algeria: Algiers	10	Guyana: Georgetown	20	Manila	10
Oran	15	Haiti: Port-au-Prince	10	Poland: Krakow	10
Antigua and Barbuda	10	Honduras: Tegucigalpa	15	Poznan	10
Bahrain	15	India: Bombay	20	Warsaw	10
Bangladesh: Dacca	25	Calcutta	20	Portugal: Ponta Delgada, Azores	10
Belize: Belize City	20	Madras	20	Qatar: Doha	20
Benin: Cotonou	25	New Delhi	15	Romania: Bucharest	10
Bolivia: La Paz	25	Indonesia: Jakarta	15	Rwanda: Kigali	25
Botswana: Gaborone	10	Medan	20	Saudi Arabia: Dhahran Area	20
Brazil: Brasilia	10	Surabaya	20	Jidda	20
Recife	10	Iraq: Baghdad	25	Riyadh	20
Bulgaria: Sofia	10	Ivory Coast: Abidjan	15	Senegal: Dakar	15
Burma: Rangoon	25	Jamaica: Kingston	15	Seychelles	15
Burundi: Bujumbura	25	Japan: Okinawa Prefecture	10	Sierra Leone: Freetown	20
Cameroon: Douala	15	Jordan: Amman	10	Somalia: Mogadishu	25
Yaounde	15	Kenya: Mombasa	10	Sri Lanka: Colombo	25
Cape Verde: Praia	20	Kuwait: Kuwait	15	Sudan: Khartoum	25
Central African Rep.: Bangui	20	Laos: Vientiane	25	Suriname: Paramaribo	10
Chad: Ndjamena	25	Lebanon:[1] Beirut	15	Syria: Damascus	20
China: Beijing	20	Lesotho: Maseru	10	Tanzania: Dar es Salaam	25
Guangzhou	20	Liberia: Monrovia	25	Thailand: Bangkok	10
Shanghai	20	Madagascar: Antananarivo	25	Chiang Mai	15
Colombia: Barranquilla	15	Malawi: Blantyre	10	Songkhla	25
Bogota	15	Lilongwe	10	Udorn	20
Cali	10	Mali: Bamako	25	Togo: Lome	20
Congo: Brazzaville	20	Mauritania: Nouakchott	25	Turkey: Adana-Incirlik	10
Cuba: Havana	20	Mauritius	10	Ankara	10
Djibouti: Djibouti	25	Mozambique: Maputo	25	Istanbul	10
Dominican Rep.: Santo Domingo	10	Nepal: Kathmandu	20	Izmir-Cigli	10
Ecuador: Guayaquil	15	Nicaragua: Managua	20	Uganda: Kampala	25
Quito	15	Niger: Niamey	25	United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi	20
Egypt: Alexandria	15	Nigeria: Kaduna	20	Dubai	20
Cairo	15	Lagos	25	United Kingdom: Belfast	15
El Salvador:[1] San Salvador	15	Norway: Tromso	10	Upper Volta: Ouagadougou	25
Equatorial Guinea: Malabo	25	Oman: Muscat	20	U.S.S.R.: Leningrad	20
Ethiopia: Addis Ababa	25	Pakistan: Islamabad	20	Moscow	20
Fiji: Suva	10	Karachi	20	Venezuela: Maracaibo	10
French West Indies: Martinique	15	Lahore	20	Yemen Arab Republic: Sana	25
Gabon: Libreville	15	Peshawar	25	Zaire: Kinshasa	20
Gambia: Banjul	20	Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby	20	Lubumbashi	20
Ghana: Accra	20	Paraguay: Asuncion	10	Zambia: Lusaka	25
Guatemala: Guatemala City	15	Peru: Lima	10	Zimbabwe: Harare	10
Guinea: Conakry	25				

[1] In addition to the differential rate shown, employees in this country receive 25 percent "danger pay."

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